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Sir:

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The documents cited in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement, specifically, in a Questioning (copy attached) dated August 18, 2006, issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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